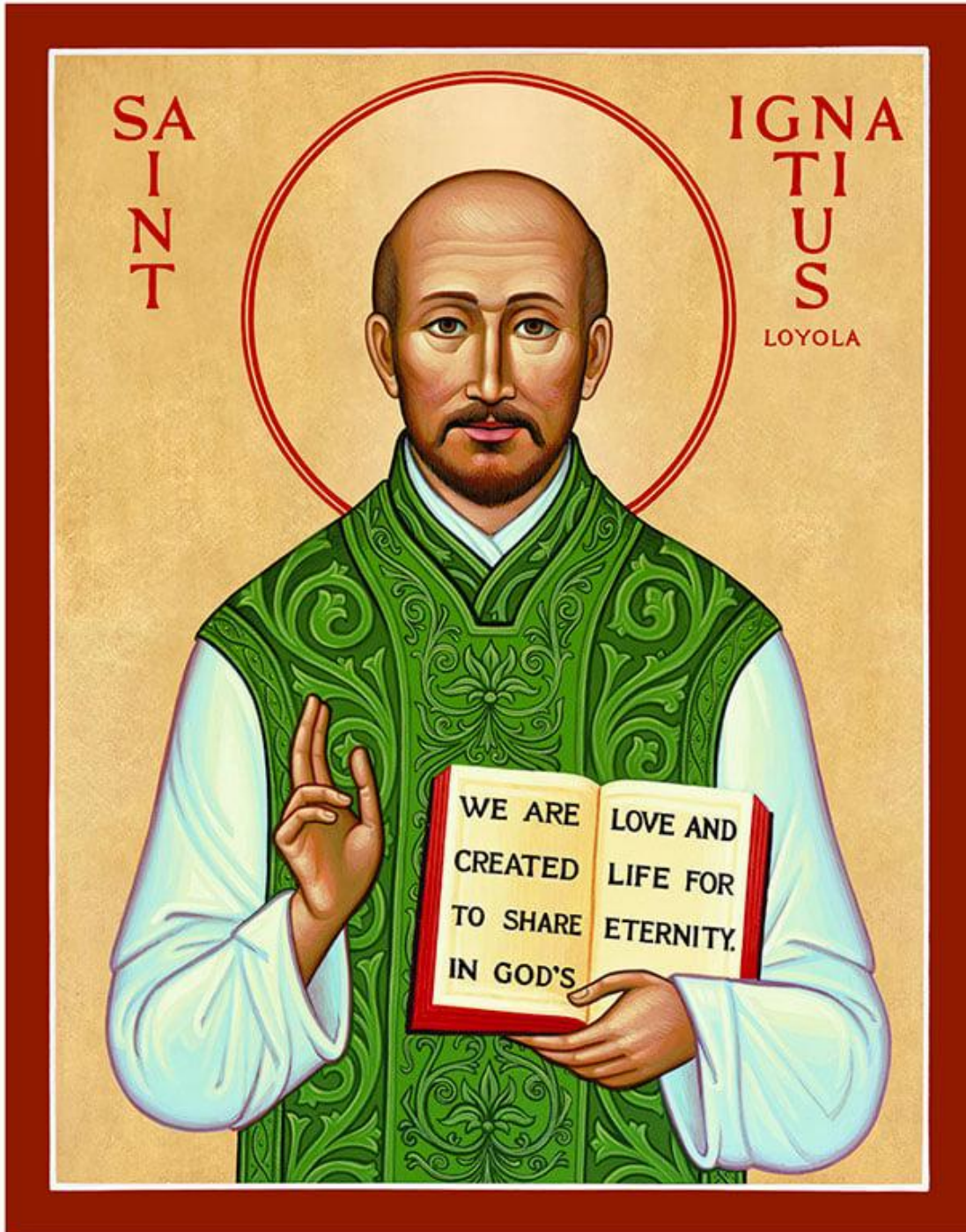


Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, SJ - July 31st (1491 - 1556 AD)



Saint Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier turned Priest, theologian, Evangelist and founder of the Jesuit Order. His prime directive to his fellow Jesuits is, "Go forth and set the world aflame" with The Gospel!

"Ignatius was born in northern Spain. From a young age, he loved tales of romance and chivalry. In 1520, Ignatius's leg was shattered in a military battle, and during his recovery, he read the stories of The Saints and The Life of CHRIST.

Ignatius noticed that the Saints' stories produced a peace in his soul, a marked contrast to the impact that the courtly romances [and war] had on him. Later, this "discernment of spirits" would become an important feature of Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises.

<https://www.jesuits.org/about-us/ignatius-of-loyola/>

After nine months doing penance at Manresa and years of study in Paris, Ignatius developed a devoted group of followers. Pope Paul III approved the "Society of JESUS" in 1540, The Order of The Jesuits. He died in 1556.

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLEiP1HQ2Bw>

10 That at The Name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is Lord, to The Glory of GOD The Father.

"O GOD, Who raised up Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Your Church to further The Glory of Your Name, grant that, by his help, we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on earth and merit to receive with him a crown in Heaven. Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever." * Amen!

*["Saint Ignatius of Loyola." Memorial, Entrance Antiphon and Collect. The Magnificat, 7/31/2021, page 426.]